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In re Application of
Colberg, et al.
Application No. 10/006,279
Filed: December 4, 2001
Attorney Docket No. PC10862A

This is a decision on the petition filed March 29, 2002 (certificate of mailing date March 25, 2002) requesting, in effect, that a Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application, mailed January 25, 2002, be withdrawn with respect to the assertion that page 12 of the specification was omitted.

The application was filed on December 4, 2001. However, on January 25, 2002, the Office of Initial Patent Examination mailed a "Notice" stating that page 12 of the specification appeared to have been omitted.

In response, the present petition was filed. Petitioners argue that the application papers filed on December 4, 2001, included 32 pages of specification, page 12 being among them.

A review of the application file of the present application reveals that page 12 is indeed present. Accordingly, it is now apparent that page 12 was not omitted on December 4, 2001.

The petition is granted.

Pursuant to petitioners' authorization, deposit account no. 16-1445 will be credited the \$130.00 petition fee.

It is noted that the application does not contain a page labeled "Abstract." An abstract is a necessary component of a patent application. If page 12 is intended to be an abstract, petitioners should file a preliminary amendment inserting the word "Abstract" at the top of page 12.

The application is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to Petitions Attorney E. Shirene Willis at (703)308-6712.

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